D.r Lush

Poughkeepsie Sept.r 9th 1781

I enclose you his Excellency's Proclamation & circular Letters to the Members of the Legislature, of your County to meet here on the first of next Month. — Those to the Senators I have — directed: but those for the Assemblymen, as we have them not, You will please apply to the Sheriff for their Names & direct them, one, to each Member & then deliver the — whole with the Gov.rs Request to the Sheriff that he forward them accordingly. —— We have nothing farther than the extracts from Rivingtons Paper, ab.t the french Fleet & the Business at Chesapeak, a Copy of which The Gov.r enclosed to the Mayor & Gen.l Gansevoort. — It was said that Graves sail'd from the Hook with his & Hoods Fleets but Commiss.y Gen.l Skinner was here to Day ~~fr~~ immediately from Eliz.th Town & says they were out but two or three Days returned & have posted themselves in the Papes at the Hook, East & West Bank &c. &c. It would appear from this they don't think it worth while to go to the Southw.d — Skinner says every ~~Mothers~~ Son of our ~~Prisoners~~ friends of every Denomination in New York Prisoners to the Enemy are exchanged & come out. — Burgoyne its tho't will go for Minister Laurens in the Tower. —

~~Yours sincerely~~
Your's sincerely
Adieu
Rob Benson

You'l please forw.d the Packet to the Sheriff of Tryon —

Coll. Lush.

Col. Benton's Letter
9th Sepr 1781
with Circular Letters

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